Monday 20th May 2013

Dear parents, students and family members,

A very, very quick newsletter this week with a few topics for you to review, items for you to celebrate with your children and different topics to keep you informed. Enjoy the read.

Congratulations to our year 3 and 5 students who undertook their NAPLAN examinations last week. You were all awesome! We know that you tried very hard and that you did your very, very, very best. All of the teachers are proud of you!! Outstanding effort!

Student School Banking is available for all students. It is a simple process of opening an account, if you haven’t already organised a saving plan for your children. Forms are available from the office. Every child must eventually learn that mum and dad are not an automatic teller.

The sad news is our volunteer Mrs Alison Scott is unable to continue with student banking after this term as she is off to Uni. Good luck with your studies and thanks Mrs Scott!

Are you able to assist or help out by running this program for students for a while? Contact the front office so that we can have you trained up.

Finally, I came across an interesting article last week titled; ‘What bullying isn’t and what to do when it happens’. Enjoy the read.

Mums and dads enjoy the term ahead, become involved in your child’s school and reap the rewards with your children and aim to learn something new everyday!

Anne Bunga
Principal

**Topics included in this week’s newsletter include:**

- Banking
- Kindergarten Enrolments 2014
- Student Safety
- School Badges
- Excursions
- Head Lice
- MAD Awards
- Notes to be returned
- Upcoming dates
- Advertising

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**BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY**

Please place your bank books and deposits in the tin before school.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2014**

Child’s name: _____________________________
Date of birth: ____________________________
Family contact details: ____________________
Parents name: ____________________________
Address: ________________________________
Phone number: ___________________________

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**STUDENT SAFETY**

At all times, student safety is a priority at Bargo PS. Many students ride bikes or scooters to school.

Please note that:

1. It is not recommended, by the RTA or Department of Education & Community, for students under the age of 10 to ride a bike or scooter to school (until students are 10 their depth & peripheral perception is not correctly developed). However, they can ride with adult supervision.

2. All students must have a helmet. If any student comes to school without a helmet, his/her bike or scooter will be ‘minded’ until a helmet comes to school or a parent collects the bike or scooter.

3. All bikes, scooters and skateboards are to be left at the back of the library, preferably locked in the bike racks. They cannot be brought into the classrooms.

Your support for the safety of our students is greatly appreciated.
**SCHOOL BADGES – On Sale**

We have a number of school badges available for interested parents. They are circular in shape, pin brooch style, blue background with gold embossing. These badges will be on sale from the office should you wish to purchase one. Cost $5.00

**EXCURSIONS — information for all parents**

The excursion season is upon us, so I thought that it was timely to share some information about excursions with you. Planning excursions is not a simple matter of picking a date and hiring a bus. Staff who organise excursions are required to meet various criteria.

Some of the criteria include:-

- all excursions must have an educational element;
- must meet Occupation Health and Safety standards;
- must comply with Department of Education (DET) regulations and the Education Act; and have risk assessments for all activities undertaken while on the excursion, Child Protection requirements, Code of Conduct, use transport with seatbelts—as mandated by RTA, safely accommodate all student needs, provide and engage the correct number of female/male staff to student ratio for the activities and so much more in order to keep your children safe.

Sometimes we are limited to how many students we can take on an excursion. These limitations are a direct response to the size of the bus that we hire, sometimes it is the limitation put in place by the venue, sometimes it is cost.

In all cases we try our best to take all students. Initial planning includes all children and our costing for the excursion reflects this and this is why some excursions have a projected cost until we have final numbers. Sometimes a permission note might say ‘first in’ to reserve a place. At all times there is a closing date which must be adhered to so that we can ensure the best price. In organising the best price, we are required to pay before the students attend the excursion. Hence, the need to know the numbers.

There is a lot that must be done.

We do endeavour to give you as much notice as possible about excursions and costs, however, we only issue notes 2—3 weeks before the actual day as many notes are misplaced and need to be reissued. There is a small amount of assistance available to families experiencing difficulties paying for excursions—simply contact Mrs Bunga for assistance.

**Upcoming excursions:**

- Year 1 and 2  Science excursion
- Year 5 and 6  Canberra Excursion (term 4)
- K-6  Zumba
- 3-6  Gala Sport days

**HEAD LICE**

Once again we have been hit by an outbreak of head lice. If your family has not been affected, count yourself lucky, because a number of parents are finding it a very trying time as they are experiencing outbreak after outbreak.

*It is important that we check every week.*

**In the meantime, remember:**

- **School is not the only place** where students can pick up head lice, so check all children’s hair on a weekly basis.
- **Keep your child at home** until you have had an opportunity to treat them in accordance with the Health Infectious Diseases Regulations 2001. Parents/carers notify the school if their child is found to have live lice—Health Infectious Diseases.
- **Understand that head lice like clean, shiny hair**, so tie it back and away from your child’s face so that it can not touch other children’s hair. Spray a little hair spray on the hair so that the little feet of head lice cannot grab hold and climb up to the base of the hair shaft. Treat your child’s head for head lice each and every time you see the problem.

**MAD READING AWARD WINNERS**

Each week we recognise students would have demonstrated that they have been reading at home by popping their name into a lucky book draw. There are 3 draws each Monday......

K - Macy A , Yr 1 - William G, Yr 2 - Sarah Y,
Yr 3 - Lexi A, Yr 4 - Brandon H,
Yr 5 - Tiayana S, Yr 6 Jasmine E.

**Notes to be returned via the silver collection tin**

Please look for these notes which have been sent home and return as soon as possible, placing the correct money (if necessary) in the envelope and place it in the silver security tin at the rear of the administration block on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning. Cheques should be made out to Bargo Public School.

- Week 5 soccer/netball/AFL Gala Days
- OC placement 2014 (Yr 4 students)
- Stewart House used clothing bags
CALENDAR – UP COMING DATES

Please refer to the school’s website for upcoming events. Look at the calendar and any date with a blue triangle indicates a school based event. Simply check on it for more information and access to permission notes.

**Week 4**
Wednesday 22/5  Principal training
Canteen – menus from Italy, Australia & USA
Thursday 23/5  Zumba K-6
Friday 24/5  

**Week 5**
Monday 27/5  Reading recovery training – Mrs Jordan
Tuesday 28/5  Last day for Stewart House bags
Wednesday 29/5  Zumba K-6
Thursday 30/5  Gala Day for ‘B’ teams
Friday 31/5  

**Week 6**
Monday 3/6  Reading recovery training – Mrs Jordan
Tuesday 4/6  
Wednesday 5/6  
Thursday 6/6  Zumba K-6
Friday 7/6  2.20pm K-6 assembly

**Week 7**
Monday 10/6  Public Holiday
Tuesday 11/6  PSSA Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 12/6  Reading recovery training – Mrs Jordan
Thursday 13/6  Zumba K-6
Friday 14/6  

**Week 8**
Monday 17/6  PSSA Golf trials
Tuesday 18/6  School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 19/6  Zumba K-6
Thursday 20/6  PSSSA Gala day – TBC
Friday 21/6  

**Week 9**
Monday 24/6  Stage planning
Tuesday 25/6  Stage planning
Wednesday 26/6  Athletics Carnival – backup day
Thursday 27/6  Stage planning
Friday 29/3  Zumba K-6
2.20pm K-6 assembly
Last Day of term 2

**Bargo Public School**

is now accepting enrolment applications for 2014

**Kindergarten 2014**

If you are considering sending your child to Bargo Public School in 2014, now is the time to collect an enrolment application from the front office.

TELEPHONE: 4684 1396

**WANTED!**

Boys & Girls aged 6-7yrs to join the 1st Bargo Joey Scouts!

Meetings are held at the Bargo Scout Hall on Tuesdays 5-6pm.
Activities include art & craft, organised outings and camps, badge work and much more!
For more information please contact Samantha Kelly on 0407 153 231
**GODZGANG**

A NEW AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB ON WEDNESDAYS AT BARGO BAPTIST CHURCH (SILICA ROAD) 4 - 5.30PM!
Starting 13 February, 2013!!
It's FREE!
Enquiries: 4684 1361

- CRAFT
- GAMES
- AFTERNOON TEA
- SONGS
- STORIES

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Take-away/Dine In

**MCM-FRI**

5AM - 5PM

**SAT**

7AM - 1PM

2/217 GREAT SOUTHERN ROAD BARGO

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